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To establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SPECTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Steel Industry Na-  
5       tional Historic Site Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8               (1) certain sites and structures in the Common-  
9       wealth of Pennsylvania symbolize in physical form  
10      the heritage of the United States steel industry;

1           (2) a very large proportion of the buildings and  
2           other structures in the Commonwealth are nationally  
3           significant historical resources, including the United  
4           States Steel Homestead Works, the Carrie Furnace  
5           complex, and the Hot Metal Bridge; and

6           (3) despite substantial efforts by the Common-  
7           wealth, as well as individuals and public and private  
8           entities in the Commonwealth, to preserve and inter-  
9           pret these significant historical and cultural build-  
10          ings and structures, such buildings and structures  
11          may be lost without the assistance of the Federal  
12          Government.

13          (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are to pro-  
14          vide for the preservation, interpretation, visitor enjoyment,  
15          and maintenance of the nationally significant historical  
16          and cultural sites and structures described in subsection  
17          (a) for the benefit and inspiration of present and future  
18          generations.

19      **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

20          In this Act:

21              (1) COMMONWEALTH.—The term “Common-  
22              wealth” means the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

23              (2) HISTORIC SITE.—The term “historic site”  
24              means the Steel Industry National Historic Site es-  
25              tablished by section 4.

1           (3) PLAN.—The term “plan” means the man-  
 2           agement plan for the historic site required under  
 3           section 7.

4           (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
 5           the Secretary of the Interior.

6 **SEC. 4. STEEL INDUSTRY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.**

7           (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established as a unit  
 8           of the National Park System the Steel Industry National  
 9           Historic Site in the Commonwealth.

10          (b) COMPONENTS.—The historic site shall consist of  
 11          land and interests in land relating to the former United  
 12          States Steel Homestead Works, including—

13               (1) the Battle of Homestead site in the borough  
 14               of Munhall, Pennsylvania, consisting of approxi-  
 15               mately 3 acres of land, including the pumphouse and  
 16               water tower and related structures, within the prop-  
 17               erty bounded by the Monongahela River, the CSX  
 18               railroad, Waterfront Drive, and the Damascus-  
 19               Marcegaglia Steel Mill;

20               (2) the Carrie Furnace complex in the boroughs  
 21               of Swissvale and Rankin, Pennsylvania, consisting of  
 22               approximately 35 acres of land, including blast fur-  
 23               naces 6 and 7, the ore yard, the cast house, the  
 24               blowing engine house, the AC power house, and re-  
 25               lated structures, within the property bounded by the

1 proposed southwesterly right-of-way line needed to  
2 accommodate the Mon/Fayette Expressway and the  
3 relocated CSX railroad right-of-way, the  
4 Monongahela River, and a property line drawn  
5 northeast to southwest approximately 100 yards east  
6 of the AC power house;

7 (3) the Hot Metal Bridge, consisting of the  
8 Union railroad bridge and its approaches, spanning  
9 the Monongahela River and connecting the mill sites  
10 in the boroughs of Rankin and Munhall; and

11 (4) all other property included in the historic  
12 site—

13 (A) by Federal law; or

14 (B) acquired by the Secretary for inclusion  
15 in the historic site under section 5 or other  
16 Federal law.

17 **SEC. 5. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.**

18 (a) REAL PROPERTY.—To further the purposes of  
19 this Act, the Secretary may acquire for inclusion in the  
20 historic site—

21 (1) land and interests in land described in para-  
22 graphs (1), (2), or (3) of section 4(b); and

23 (2) not more than 10 acres of land adjacent to,  
24 or in the general vicinity of, the property described  
25 in paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) of section 4(b), for the

1 development of visitor, administrative, museum, cu-  
2 ratorial, and maintenance facilities.

3 (b) PERSONAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary may ac-  
4 quire personal property associated with, and appropriate  
5 for, the interpretation of the historic site.

6 (c) MEANS.—An acquisition of real property or per-  
7 sonal property shall be made by donation.

8 **SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer  
10 the historic site in accordance with this Act and the provi-  
11 sions of law generally applicable to units of the National  
12 Park System, including—

13 (1) the Act of August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1  
14 et seq.); and

15 (2) the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461  
16 et seq.).

17 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter  
19 into a cooperative agreement with any interested in-  
20 dividual, public or private agency, organization, or  
21 institution to further the purposes of the historic  
22 site.

23 (2) REIMBURSEMENT.—A payment made by  
24 the Secretary under the terms of a cooperative  
25 agreement entered into under this subsection shall

1 be subject to an agreement that if at any time the  
 2 project assisted is converted, used, or disposed of in  
 3 a manner that is contrary to the purposes of this  
 4 Act, as determined by the Secretary, the interested  
 5 entity or individual shall reimburse the Secretary for  
 6 the greater of—

7 (A) the amount of assistance provided for  
 8 the project; or

9 (B) the portion of the increased value of  
 10 the project that is attributable to that assist-  
 11 ance, determined as of the date of the conver-  
 12 sion, use, or disposal.

13 (c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may  
 14 provide to any person technical assistance for—

15 (1) preserving historic structures of the historic  
 16 site;

17 (2) maintaining the natural and cultural land-  
 18 scape of the historic site; and

19 (3) local preservation planning for the historic  
 20 site.

21 **SEC. 7. GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 fiscal years after  
 23 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

24 (1) prepare a plan for the historic site; and

1           (2) submit the plan to the Committee on En-  
2       ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the  
3       Committee on Resources of the House of Represent-  
4       atives.

5       (b) CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS.—In  
6       preparing the plan under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary  
7       shall consult with—

8           (1) a representative of each political subdivision  
9       of the Commonwealth that has jurisdiction over all  
10      or a portion of the historic site; and

11          (2) a representative of the Steel Industry Herit-  
12      age Corporation.

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